

**Tennessee Park Rangers' Association
Board Meeting
2-7-2012**

7:20 PM; Henry Horton State Park- Annual Meeting

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call and Attendance

Board Members

**Erin Medley
Monica Johnson
Rachel Lee
Ray Cutcher
Keith Wimberley
Walter Pope
Brad Halfacre
Andy Wright
Jeff Nicholson
Josh Howard
Bridget Lofgren**

Members

**Jeremy Vaden
Ronnie Douglas
Jason Reynolds
April Welch
Michael Robertson
Ryan Forbess
Damon Graham
Chad Whitlock
Lisa Housholder
Tyler Blystone
Ronnie Brock
Jason Davis
Hannah Paschall
Tommy Garner
Allen Reynolds
Chris Padgett
Brandi Caldwell
Mike Cole
Jason Ramsey
Nancy Schelein**

III. Minutes from November 8th

A. Minutes were approved for November 8th.

IV. Treasurer Report

- A. Approved, see attached report for details.
- B. \$50,822.58
- C. Rifle receipt book, must have receipt to pick up rifle.
- D. Issuing another card from scholarship account to Ryan.
- E. To use the scholarship you prepay your registration and get reimbursed.
- F. Motion to reimburse Ray Cutcher for overhead for Savage Gulf posters.

V. New Business

- A. Participation in the Fitness program was about 20%.
- B. Events:
 - 1. Savage Gulf-need help working event.
 - 2. BRAT registration is up. Need help with Spring Ride.

3. Byrd Creek Run is in May.
 4. Look at another run/event to make a Triple Crown Event. Maybe a Triathlon.
- C. Uniform Committee
1. Mike Cole suggested being more ceremonial about presenting the badge to new hires, at or after graduation.
 2. April Welch suggested giving a gift such as a hat press.
 3. Patch controversy- Who wears the arrowhead patch?
 - a. The patch is a symbol of State Parks and is not specified to law enforcement.
 - b. Look into another symbol to set LE apart from other employees.
 4. Brandi Caldwell joined the uniform committee.
 5. Committee needs to come up with a plan and present it.
- D. Training Scholarships
1. Look into reworking process to include professional members.
 2. Why should we reward training scholarships to state sponsored trainings?
 3. April Welch will act as a liason with the scholarship committee for Program Services Training.
- E. Legislative Committee – Retirement Bill
1. Plan A- Lobbyest- funding and from where?
 - a. How much would we have to raise or would each ranger have to contribute?
 2. Plan B- Class Action Lawsuit
 - a. TSEA – would they be interested in helping us?

VI. New Business

- A. Awards Committee to discuss honoring rangers for their service.
- B. Website looks good.
- C. Budget Committee? Tabled until next meeting.
- D. Nancy will get Gatorade for the Savage Gulf Run and Ryan had some supplies too.
- E. April Welch brought up a mentor program
 1. Coaching Program to network rangers across the state to help others and to support each other.
- F. Membership- Have an incentive to join- the calendars
 1. Differentiate ourselves from TSEA
 2. Announcements for staff about TPRA-letting our new hires know more about us.
 3. Make a packet for each graduate to receive at graduation.
- G. Mike Robertson commented on how far we had come as an organization.
- H. Next Meeting Scheduled for May 8, 2012 at Montgomery Bell State Park at 10 AM.

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 9 PM.

